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Mr. Dick Vesperman
EPA Project Manager, Superfund Program
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site, Richmond, California

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

With the remediation dredging in the Parr Canal and Lauritzen Channel coming to a close, we anticipate receiving the notice from EPA to proceed with the Upland remediation. Pursuant to the Levin Consent Decree, the Upland remediation will be conducted by Levin Enterprises. As you are well aware, despite EPA's and Levin's best efforts, the dredging project conducted by Montrose and its contractors took far longer than anyone had anticipated. During the dredging project, Levin was unable to utilize one of its two berths, as well as a substantial portion of its upland site needed for the sludge drying area. Now that the dredging project is complete, Levin is extremely anxious to get its marine terminal back in a normal operational mode. To that end, Levin is prepared to accelerate time lines in the Statement of Work and Consent Decree for submittals to EPA and is hopeful that a number of the deliverables can be combined to shorten the time period for implementation of the project. We would like to set up a meeting with you and our consultants as soon as a convenient (hopefully within the next two weeks) to discuss how we can expedite the schedule for implementation of the Upland remedy called for in the Statement of Work and Consent Decree. We will be happy to meet with you either at the site or at your offices, whichever you prefer.

I look forward to discussing this request with you at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mike McCoy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike McCoy
Project Coordinator

cc:

Bill Benak

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